

Kevin Blacker written comments HB 5021 CT Port Authority

PLEASE READ TRANSCRIPT-

The Port Authority should not exist. Its structure and operation violate anti-trust laws. You heard Kevin Dillon talk about his organization's willfull manipulation of the market and exclusion of competition. The state should not be picking winners and losers.

CPA is not the State, unless it's a situation where it benefits them, and then they are. But the law says CPA is "a body politic and corporate ... that shall not be construed to be a department, institution, or agency of the State. The law also allows quasi-publics like CPA to "sue and be sued." I intend to challenge the CPA with antitrust laws. To be clear anti-trust laws are meant to "prevent consumer harm in the form of higher prices, fewer choices, poorer service and less innovation," according to the Federal Trade Commission.

If CPA continues to exist, the Mayor or a representative of NL definitely deserves to be on the CPA Board.

The Governor should NOT be allowed to appoint the chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Port Authority was meant to be an organization that served 1st the Public and the state's maritime interests. It was meant to be comprised of experts in transportation and ports.

As I understand it, after Andrew Maynard (a Noank man who's father was a tugboat captain), after his accident, the Port Authority grew into the political monster it is today. Giving the Governor ability to appoint the board chair will only strengthen that monster.

The carelessness, corruption and bad judgement at the CT Port Authority- much of it while CPA was under direct control of Governor Lamont- is well documented in the press, state audits, and through Public forums and I repeat FORUMS not Hearings, in this very room.

I question why laws governing CPA even exist as they were broken so many times with no consequence. From twice failing to have annual Public Hearings laid out in lines 163-165 and 98-100 to failing to fill Board vacancies as required in lines 49-53 and failing to even have an Executive Director as required in lines 62-77.

We're all wasting days and dollars to make these laws. Why bother if there is no consequence. If you want to fix CPA, give the law some teeth. Hold people accountable and cause punishment when the law is broken.

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Additional information that came during discussion with legislators:

Laura Devlin:

-Page 3-6 Statewide Freight Plan from 2017 (ignored by CPA)

- 2015 Millone Macbroom report (ignored by CPA, shows how State Pier should actually be set up)

-tell David Kooris to broaden his mind and think transit oriented development beyond the movement of people. Remind him in the Revolutionary War a weaker opponent on his home turf defeated a much stronger enemy.

Henri Martin:

As I mentioned Port Authority leaders- including David Kooris- were willfully misleading you and the Public by presenting State Pier as a practically abandoned and unused asset. The pictures of weeds growing through the concrete were misleading. The tonnage doesn't lie. If recommendations in 3-6 I told Devlin about were followed and you had me fighting for State Pier rather than against- we could utilize State Pier to its potential.

- **Imports through the Port of New London peaked by volume in 2005 (just over 267,600 tonnes)** and by value in 2007 (\$676 million), but reached a trough in 2009 (29,000 tonnes, \$8 million).
- Imports have been recovering since then, **reaching over 260,000 tonnes** or \$112 million in 2017.

Roland Lermar and Carlo Leone:

Please read Section V on pages 7-8 from DOJ Brief about how Blumenthal stopped the Tilcon deal.

<https://www.justice.gov/atr/case-document/file/628266/download>

If the State was smart they would join me in my suit. Make the NYC hedge fund operators at Enstructure our target. Take the triple damages and actually set up our Ports right. Bonding be damned.

New Haven and the State will be better served by having me fighting with and for them rather than against them.

If there is any other information I can send along please let me know.